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SUBJ: COURTESY CALL BY AMB GARCIA OF THE PHILIPPINES

- 1. AMBASSADOR OF THE PHILIPPINES PAID HIS COURTESY CALL ON ME AND STATES AS FOLLOWS:
- 2. BASICALLY, THE CHINESE PEOPLE ARE VERY FRIENDLY TO THE US AND HAVE SYMPATHY FOR US. PHILIPPINES HAVE GOTTEN AROUND TAIWAN ISSUE BY SEVERING DIPLOMATIC TIES WITH TAIWAN, BUT TRADE REMAINS INTENSE. A "PRIVATE" COMPANY ASIAN ECONOMIC CENTER REPRESENTS PHILIPPINES IN TAIWAN, AND SIMILAR ORGANIZATION REPRESENTS TAIWAN IN PHILIPPINES. HE SAYS THIS WORKS QUITE WELL AND MIGHT ALSO WORK FOR US.
- 3. PERHAPS ONE WAY OF BLUNTING RUSSIA'S AGGRESSIVENESS IN OTHER PARTS OF WORLD IS TO EXPEDITE IMPROVED US RELATIONS WITH MAINLAND CHINA, INCLUDING ASSISTING CHINA IN TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCES.
- 4. JAPAN IS CONDUCTING ECONOMIC WAR, AS IT HAD CONFIDENTIAL

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CONDUCTED MILITARY WAR IN WORLD WAR II, AND WILL DEAL WITH CHINA, RUSSIA, OR ANYONE ELSE. ALL OF THIS UNDER UMBRELLA OF AMERICAN MILITARY PROTECTION.

5. CONCRNING AMERICAN BASES IN PHILIPPINES, PHILIPPINE GOVT IS AMBIVALENT. THEY WANT US IN, AND THEY WANT US OUT; THEY ARE PARTICULARLY CON- CERNED ABOUT CLARK FIELD BECAUSE OF ALMOST DAILY INCIDENTS BETWEEN CIVILIANS AND MILITARY.

6. HE CONSIDERS THINGS FAIRLY QUIET IN SOUTHEAST
ASIA AND THINKS VIETNAM HAS INDICATED DESIRE TO
IMPROVE ITS RELATIONS RATHER THAN EMBARK ON MILITARY
ADVENTURES, AND PHILIPPPINES HAVE GOOD RELATIONS
WITH VIETNAMES.
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